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**Letter dated 6 May 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a joint statement on promoting full and universal implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex), an initiative led by the Republic of Korea and Canada and announced by the Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper, at the recent 2014 Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague.

I would be grateful if you could issue the joint statement as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the letter dated 6 May 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Joint statement on promoting full and universal implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

### 2014 Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague

Noting the tenth anniversary in 2014 of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), and recalling the 2010 Washington Nuclear Security Summit Communiqué and Work Plan, the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit Communiqué and the follow-up resolutions of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) particularly Security Council resolution 1977 (2011), which underscored the important role of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in strengthening global nuclear security.

We, the Governments of Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America, with the support of the United Nations, reaffirm our commitment to full and universal implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), including the implementation of obligations to enhance the security of nuclear materials worldwide in line with the objectives of the 2014 Nuclear Security Summit. We reiterate our support for the activities of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (1540 Committee) and the Group of Experts. We also reaffirm our commitment to fully implement Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in our respective States, in areas where we have not already done so, and further undertake to:

- Consider providing additional and ongoing assistance to requesting States in implementing their 1540 obligations, wherever possible and in close coordination with the 1540 Committee, with a view to achieving full global implementation of the nuclear security elements of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) by the next comprehensive review of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in 2016;

- Examine options for funding Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) regional and subregional coordinator positions within international and regional organizations, as appropriate, in order to facilitate regional approaches to assisting States in implementing their nuclear security obligations relevant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in line with the focus on regional implementation outlined in Security Council resolution 1977 (2011);

- Consider hosting and contributing to regional and subregional capacity-building events, as required, as a means to support the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), as well as to encourage and, where possible, support the participation in these events of States requiring assistance with the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004);

- Consider opportunities to provide support and resources for the work of the 1540 Committee and its programmes, including, to the extent possible, voluntary financial contributions;
- Consider preparing and submitting to the 1540 Committee, national implementation action plans, as encouraged by paragraph 8 of resolution 1977 (2011), in order to map out our national priorities for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), including those that support the objectives of the 2014 Nuclear Security Summit, and share these action plans with other States through the 1540 Committee website, and assist other States in developing and implementing such plans upon request;
- Strengthen efforts to encourage States that have not yet submitted their first report on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) to do so as soon as possible, including through bilateral dialogues and outreach efforts in regional and multilateral organizations and, where possible, by providing assistance to States that request it, with a view to achieving universal reporting;
- Report on the progress of our efforts at regular intervals in relevant forums, such as the United Nations, the 1540 Committee and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction, the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, and in other international and regional meetings and events;
- Take these commitments into account when providing information for the comprehensive reviews of the 1540 Committee in 2016 and 2021.